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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$200, at one time may not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "H. K. & S. Bank Savings' Bank" Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1890. 744

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,490,000  
RESCUE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—D. H. DAWNTON, Esq.  
W. G. BODIE, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSON,  
T. E. DAVIES, Esq. E. J. S. MOSES, Esq.  
H. HOROWITZ, Esq. L. P. SCHNEIDER, Esq.  
B. LAYTON, Esq. D. R. SASSON, Esq.  
H. A. P. MOORE, Esq.

Chief Manager, G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

Manager, Shanghai, JOHN WALTER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
6 " 4 per cent. "  
12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 323

## Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of February next, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1890. 185

## Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARD requests the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the RACES on the 20th, 27th, and 28th instant.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 10, 1890. 323

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1890.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 20th, 27th, and 28th February.

RULE 16.—Admission to the General Stand and Enclosure. For Members of the Jockey Club, Free; for Non-Members, \$2 for the Meeting. For Admission to Grand Stand, \$3 for the Meeting.

RULE 16.—Tickets of Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure to be had on application to H. A. Herbert, Esq., Honorary Treasurer. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gatekeeper.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 19, 1890. 324

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days without Tickets, which can be had on application from the Undersigned.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 19, 1890. 320

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Praya Central, on FRIDAY, 21st February, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th instant to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents in Hongkong & China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1890. 326

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the Club House, on MONDAY, the 24th Inst., at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order, C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1890. 327

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YIEN CHALLENGE CUPS, value \$200 and \$100 respectively. Also TWO CONSOLIDATION CUPS, value \$100 each.

THE 2ND STAGE of the SIXTH COMPETITION will take place NEXT SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at 2.15 p.m., commencing at 500 Yards. Entrance Fee, 20 Cents.

A Launch will have the F. & W. Wharf at 2 p.m. to take over intending Competitors.

A SHELTON HOOPER,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 17, 1890. 318

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty-First Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 24th February next, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, A. G. GORDON & Co., Ltd., Managers.

Hongkong, February 10, 1890. 267

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary MEETING of the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1890, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th February, 1890, both days inclusive.

By Order, A. G. GORDON & Co., Ltd., Managers.

Hongkong, February 10, 1890. 267

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the following Resolutions will be submitted:

That the Company do borrow from the Lane Investment Agents, London, Limited the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, and have interest at the rate of seven dollars per cent. per annum for such a period on such terms and conditions and to be secured in such a manner as the Company's Directors shall think fit, and that for that purpose the said Directors do cause all necessary deeds or documents to be duly executed.

That at the end of Article No. 11 of the Company's existing Articles of Association there be added the following words, with the following marginal note, that is to say:

Limit holding. No shareholder, whether an individual, a firm, Company or Corporation shall be entitled to hold at any one time more than one thousand shares.

That Article No. 49 of the Company's existing Articles be cancelled and that in lieu thereof, the following Article and marginal note be inserted, that is to say:

That Article No. 49 of the Company's existing Articles be cancelled and that in lieu thereof, the following Article and marginal note be inserted, that is to say:

No person shall be eligible to the office of Director unless he shall be the holder of at least fifty shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 17, 1890. 319

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the CHAMBER or COMMISSIONERS ROOMS at the City Hall, at 12 o'clock (noon), or FRIDAY, the 27th March next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from 24th February to 7th March, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 17, 1890. 319

## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1890. 199

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Seventh Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st instant to 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1890. 199

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

## Entertainments.

THE FISH JUBILEE SINGERS! will come to a SHORT SEASON IN THE THEATRE ROYAL, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY NEXT, Feb. 22nd, AND ON TUESDAY, Feb. 25th and following nights, *For a Few Nights only*, WITH A CHANSON OF PROGRAMME EACH EVENING.

The Fish Jubilee Singers, consisting of ten vocalists, and a pianist, was organised in Oct. 1871, from among the students of a Freedmen's School, in Nashville, Tenn., U. S. A., and during the first 2 years of their organisation they established Fish University at Nashville, at a cost of more than £30,000. The Company are now making a tour round the World in order to interest and have recently completed a tour of Australasia (extending over three years) with unparallelled success. They have just completed a successful tour of India, and are now en route to China and Japan, thence returning to America, via

Their programmes are chiefly made up of the unique and *inimitable* Slave Songs, or spirituals, which were composed and sung by the former Slaves of America, prior to emancipation, varied by

## MODERN COMPOSERS.

The Singers have had the honor of Singing in the PRESENCE of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and

Seven of the other Crowned Heads of Europe; Four of the Presidents of the United States, and ten of the Governors of Australasia and India, including His Excellency the Vicere of India.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circles and Stalls, £1; Second Seats, £1; Box Seats, £1; Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Doors open at 8:30; Concert at 9; Chairs at 11 p.m.

THE FISH JUBILEE SINGERS Hongkong, February 19, 1890.

## AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

## ALI BABA, AND THE FORTY THIEVES.

THE FINAL PERFORMANCE of the above "Pantomime" will take place on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at 9 p.m.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after Thursday, February 29th, at 11 a.m.

Hongkong, February 17, 1890.

## Notices to Consignees.

## UNION LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship *Gulliver* of Lorne Capt. GRANDIN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby required to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers. Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st Instant, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1890.

## SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP FLINTSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd Instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1890.

## FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Lydia*, Captain FARRELL having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG, KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co. Ltd. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1890.

## TO LET.

THE TOP FLOOR of Ginn, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s House, consisting of Five SPACIOUS ROOMS and Three BATH ROOMS, suitable either as Offices or Dwelling Apartments.

## For terms, apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890.

## To Let.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, Ltd.

## TO LET.

THAT Suite of OFFICES on the FIRST Floor of the Company's Premises in ICE HOUSE LANE, at present occupied by MESSRS. HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., with entrance from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st March next.

## Also,

TWO GODOWNS on the GROUND FLOOR which can be let in connection with the above Office, or apart as desired.

## And

With immediate possession, ONE ROOM on the FIRST FLOOR of the same Premises, suitable for an OFFICE, with entrance from the South side of the Building. For Full Particulars, apply to the MANAGER at the Depôt, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, January 27, 1890.

## TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

No. 9, SYKEMEY TERRACE. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, February 19, 1890.

## TO LET.

FROM 1st February next, Nos. 53, 55 and 57, PEEL STREET. Apply to EDWARD GEORGE. Hongkong, January 9, 1890.

## TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

DUNNOTTAR, R. B. Lot No. 20, for 1 year. From 15th April, 1890. Apply to B. OFFICE OF THIS PAPER. Hongkong, February 10, 1890.

## TO LET.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE No. 64, and GROUND FLOOR of HOUSE No. 68, Queen's Road CENTRAL. Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, July 1, 1890.

## TO LET.

1ST FLOOR of HOUSE No. 15, PRAYA CENTRAL. Possession from 1st January next. Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, February 10, 1890.

## TO LET.

M. J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor, 18, Bank Building. Hongkong, February 11, 1890.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-First Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 24th February instant, at 2:30 p.m., to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1889, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRADING BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th day of February inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited. Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

## TO LET.

THE RESIDENCE, No. 14, ALBANY ROAD, in occupation of S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq. (overlooking Botanical Gardens). Apply to M. J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor, 18, Bank Building. Hongkong, February 11, 1890.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN consequence of the MEETING of the HONGKONG & WHAMPAO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, taking place on the 24th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, it has been found necessary for conveniences of SHAREHOLDERS to alter the hour of the Company's MEETING to 2:30 p.m., instead of 3 o'clock, as previously advertised.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited. Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

## TO LET.

THE RESIDENCE, No. 14, ALBANY ROAD, in occupation of S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq. (overlooking Botanical Gardens). Apply to M. J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor, 18, Bank Building. Hongkong, February 11, 1890.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; ALSO LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th March, 1890, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *NATAL*, Commandant Soto, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave the Port for the above places.

Cargo will be registered for London, as well as for Marseilles, and so far as practicable through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 12 m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th March, 1890. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's office.)

Contents and value of packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. or C. CHAMPAIGN, and

DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEEs.

STEAMSHIP SACHSEN, FROM Bremen and Ports of Call.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co. Ltd. Kowloon Wharves, during the day, and may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

## TO LET.

THE TOP FLOOR of Ginn, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s House, consisting of Five SPACIOUS ROOMS and Three BATH ROOMS, suitable either as Offices or Dwelling Apartments.

For terms, apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890.

## To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW. (Taking Large & Passengers through rates for CHIEFOO, HANKOW, Tientsin, &c. on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Tsingtao*, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 21st Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. (Taking Large & Passengers through rates for CHIEFOO, HANKOW, Tientsin, &c. on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Fukien*, Captain LEWIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 22nd Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

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TO LET.

Passenger from 1st April.

A SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK.

Apply to DENNYS & MOSSOP, 60, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

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TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

DUNNOTTAR, R. B. Lot No. 20, for 1 year. From 15th April, 1890.

Apply to EDWARD GEORGE. Hongkong, January 9, 1890.

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TO LET.

From 1st February next, Nos. 53, 55 and 57, PEEL STREET.

The Leipzig—the new flagship of the German squadron in the Far East—with Vice Admiral Deinhard on board, arrived in Hongkong this forenoon from the Mediterranean station, and exchanged salutes with the port. The Leipzig is a vessel of 4,000 tons, carries a crew of 470 men, is armed with 12 seventeen centime guns and ten of a smaller size and has engines of 5,000 horse power.

## THE ALLEGED ARSON IN BONHAM STRAND.

Before Mr. Robinson in the Police Court this morning, Sir Leung Kit, master of the shop No. 23, Bonham Strand, was charged with arson. Mr. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and the prisoner was defended by Mr. L. Daunys.

Mr. Johnson explained that the case arose out of the inquiry into the fire which took place on the 28th January at No. 23 Bonham Strand. The fire was first discovered about six o'clock in the morning in question by some residents in the adjoining house, who gave the alarm at the Central Fire Station close by. Some lungkongs who were returning from their boats were the first people on the premises, some of whom with a fire-engine arriving almost immediately afterwards. One of the points of the case was that at a rather earlier hour in the same morning, between three and four o'clock fire had been discovered in the house No. 21, which was put out about half an hour. When the fire at No. 23 was discovered, the lungkongs who first entered the premises had some trouble in getting in. The door was shut, and although they knocked at it, they shouted, the people with whom they were staying, only the lungkongs burst in the door and then found the inmates all dressed and ready to leave the place. When they got in they found, under the stairs leading from a cocktail, keropok tin and the fire seemed to have proceeded from that place. An examination of the stock was made afterwards and evidence would be given on that point. Another point was that the contents of the shop were insured in two offices, in one for \$3,000 and in the other for \$1,000.

Evidence was then given, and the case was remanded till to-morrow.

## THE LYNDHURST TERRACE FIRE INQUIRY.

THE MYSTERIOUS LETTER EXPLAINED.

Mr. Wadhouse to-day resumed his inquiry into the circumstances connected with the recent fire in the premises of J. Gomes draper, in Lyndhurst Terrace. Mr. Wotton appeared on behalf of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., and Mr. Wilkinson was present in the interest of Mr. Gomes.

Mr. Wilkinson went into the witness-box and said he was prepared, with the consent of his client, to give evidence with reference to the threatening letter referred to in the course of last day's proceedings. He produced the letter in question, which read as follows:—“Dear John—After having a long talk with Roberts, my advice to you as a friend is to agree with Roberts's proposition and sign the article with him, the sooner the better, as according to my idea it is impossible for you to put the thing through without his help, and if he should turn against you, you are entirely ruined. So please take my advice for once, as I am sure you will be happy. (Having said on \$300 is better than \$100.) Mr. Wilkinson, in reply, said—“My Worship, said—It was on that letter I advised my client to institute a prosecution either against Arab or Roberts, on the ground that it was an attempt to extort money by threats. I did not volunteer the advice; my client came to me and said about the letter. My idea at the time was that there were threats in the letter. With regard to the words ‘without his help you are entirely ruined,’ I take that, after the explanation we have heard, to mean that without Roberts's help Gomes would be unable to make out his claim. At that time it was impossible for me to take it in that way because I did not know it. I regard the words ‘without his help you are entirely ruined’ as a clear threat.

John Roberts, recalled, said—I have been in the shop since it opened three years ago. I was a schoolmate of Gomes before that. It was not true that I was in Ludher Street at the time of the fire. I was in Puttong Street, where I am keeping a girl. I know about the letter written by Mahomed Arab. He wrote to Mr. Gomes about giving him something in compensation for the time I was out of his employ. I told him to say I was laid up. I had received my salary regularly. I asked him to pay \$200 to my debts and a hundred for expenses. He said I did not get the money I could not stop in the colony. I had been drinking in the night of the fire. I could not say if I was drunk. I call it drink when I fall down in the morn. If the woman whom I keep said I did not come to the house till eleven o'clock that night, she is wrong. I was there a few minutes of eight. If the woman whom I keep said I looked out at the window and said ‘It is my place that is on fire’ she made a mistake, because I could not see where the fire was from that house.

His Worship, at this point, read over the evidence of the woman, and the witness said it was all false.

Witness (continuing)—I said something about some shop being on fire, because Lyndhurst Terrace is all shops.

His Worship said he would take the evidence of Mahomed Arab now.

Mr. Webber, he had been asked to watch the proceedings on behalf of Mahomed Arab, who had gone to Canton, and would return on Tuesday next and would be prepared to give all possible information.

Inspector Perry said, in reply to his Worship, that he had been told to Mahomed Arab's brother that he had gone to Canton yesterday evening.

John Roberts, recalled, said, in reply to Mr. Wotton, “I don't owe Mahomed Arab anything. I owe about \$4 to a Chinaman and \$1 to an Indian. I don't remember the Indian's name and I don't know what he is.

Mr. Wotton—You are going to make up the stock to \$10,000 without books or papers or anything else, from your memory alone, and yet you can't remember the name of this man to whom you owe a hundred dollars?

With—As I don't remember, I owe some money to a loan association. I did not get my wages up to the time of the fire from Mr. Gomes, and I have drawn on him since on account of my wages. I have received \$24 altogether, I don't expect to get any money from him. I swear he did promise to give me a cent. He did promise to give me a hundred dollars, but I did not accept. I have never spoken to Mahomed Arab since the letter was written.

The inquiry was further adjourned till

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## REPORT.

The General Managers have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Company.

1888 ACCOUNT.—The result of the year's working shows a balance at credit of \$45,628, which sum, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, it is now proposed to deal with as follows:—

Reserve Fund	\$ 24,563.00
Bonus to Contributing Shareholders	37,006.00
Dividend of \$23 per Share	\$24,628.00

MORTGAGES.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied from careful valuations made by the Company's Surveyors that Hongkong and Shanghai are ample security for the advances made.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. J. F. Holling having left the Colony the Hon. A. P. McLean has been nominated to the vacant seat, and his appointment now requires to be confirmed. The present Managers, the Hon. G. P. Chater, Messrs. J. S. Moore, S. G. Bird, and T. E. Davies, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.—The Accounts now presented have been audited by Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and G. S. Coxon, and their re-election as Auditors of the Company is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co. Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1890.

## BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER,

1889.—Dr.

To Capital Account, \$ 8,000,  
Paid-up Capital on 8,000  
Shares at \$50 per Share, ... \$ 400,000.00

To Accounts Payable, \$ 46,971.30  
To Unpaid Dividend Account,

Balance of this Account, \$ 6,582.14

THE CHINA NEW YEAR.

## THE RATIONALE OF A FAMILAR PHENOMENON.

It is by this time well known to all the world, that at the Chinese New Year, all the debts must be paid, in order that the debtor and the creditor may both begin the next twelve months on a sure and safe basis. This circumstance has attracted a great deal of attention, especially since China and the Chinese came to be better known by the people of the West, and it is not uncommon to see paragraphs in our daily papers praising the Chinese custom, and recommending its adoption in other lands. The real cause of the custom of paying off debts at the end of the year are not so obvious at first that they will not bear explanation, and it is to this subject that we now invite attention. There are three general causes for the existence of this usage, all of which are important, and which combined form a three-fold cord, not easily broken.

I. *Everybody owes somebody.* Idle disputes occasionally take place as to whether it is a truthful proposition that China is a rich country. In one sense she is, in another and equally important sense, she is not rich, but poor.

There is a vast amount of property, but it is not well distributed, and strange to say, nobody has enough.

The conditions of life in China are so totally different from those to which we are accustomed in our own lands, that it is hard to understand them. By far the larger part of the people are given to the culture of the soil, which is as it should be. But of the farmer class it is true that they are often not generally in debt.

The reason for this is manifold, but principally that it is as necessary to have ready money to carry on a farm as it is to have ready money to pay debts.

For these reasons well understood by all concerned, it is the rôle of the debtor to represent that he is harassed by importunate creditors to such an unreasonable extent, that he knows not which way to turn.

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[No. 8459.—FEBRUARY 20, 1890.]

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MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES,  
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p.m., Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office  
until 4 p.m., the day before sailing.

Six and a half Months' Future will be  
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General  
Cargo for London will be conveyed and  
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week later than by the ordinary direct  
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For further Particulars regarding  
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This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers  
for MARSEILLES.

E. L. WOODIN,  
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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hong Kong, February 14, 1890. 301

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
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STEAMERS.

THE STEAMSHIP OCEANIC will be  
despatched for San Francisco, via  
Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 13th  
March, at 1 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
ports.

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to address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m.,  
the day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco ... \$225.00

To San Francisco and return ... 593.75

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To Liverpool ... 325.00

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To other European points at proportion-  
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Passengers by this Line have the option  
of proceeding overland by the Southern  
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific  
and Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific  
Railways.

Passenger, who have paid full fare, re-  
embarking at San Francisco for China or  
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be  
allowed a discount of 10%.

This allowance  
does not apply to *through fares from China*  
to *Europe*.

Complaints to accompany Cargo  
destined to points beyond San Francisco,  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN,  
District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. on the 5th March.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office  
and should be marked to address in full;  
and the same will be received by us until  
5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight,  
apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hong Kong, February 13, 1890. 288

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
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SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP,  
BREMEN & HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIK PORTS;  
ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
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PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

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ON SUNDAY, the 16th day of March,  
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Steamship SACHSEN, Captain V. GOESZEL,  
with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE  
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,  
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Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon, Cargo will be received on board  
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3  
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Value of Packages are required.

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Hong Kong, February 17, 1890. 303

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D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 25, 1888. 1468

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their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of  
the Company's FOREMEN should be at  
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A SHEITON HOOOPER,  
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,  
Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1889. 844

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.  
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FANCY WORK with neatness and despatch,  
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